I claim:

1. A method for securing an appointment with a healthcare provider comprising the steps
    of:

    said healthcare provider uploading an appointment schedule onto a database via a network
    communications system;

    a patient inputting said patient's static information and said patient's current information
    onto said database via said network communications system;

    said patient accessing said appointment schedule;

    said patient selecting an available time period on said appointment schedule for an
    appointment; and

    said patient securing said appointment with an electronic transaction.

2. A system for securing an appointment with a healthcare provider, said system
    comprising:

    a database for storing said healthcare provider's appointment schedule and a patient's static
    information and current information;

    an input means for receiving said healthcare provider's appointment schedule and said
    patient's static information and current information;

    a recording means for storing said healthcare provider's appointment schedule and said
    patient's static information and current information in said database;

    a process means for said patient securing an appointment during a time period, said process
    means carry out the operations of:

    a)   displaying said healthcare provider's appointment schedule to said patient;

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b)   allowing said patient to designate said time period;

c)   facilitating an electronic transaction on behalf of said patient to provide for payment for said appointment; and

d)   updating said healthcare provider's appointment schedule such that said time period is no longer listed as available.

3.   A method in a computer system for securing an appointment with a healthcare provider, the method comprising:

receiving said healthcare provider's appointment schedule;

storing said healthcare provider's appointment schedule in a database;

receiving a patient's static information and said patient's current information;

storing said patient's static information and said patient's current information in said database;

processing said patient's choice of an appointment time period;

facilitating an electronic transaction by said patient to secure said appointment; and

updating said healthcare provider's appointment schedule.

4.   In article of manufacture comprising:

A computer useable medium have computer readable program code means embodied therein for controlling a system for securing an appointment with a healthcare provider, said computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing receiving a patient's static information and said patient's current information;

computer readable program code means for causing storing said patient's static information and said patient's current information in said database;

computer readable program code means for causing processing said patient's choice of an appointment time period;

computer readable program code means for facilitating an electronic transaction by said patient to secure said appointment; and

computer readable program code means for updating said healthcare provider's appointment schedule.

5. A method of facilitating securing an appointment with a healthcare provider over a computer network comprising the steps of:

receiving said healthcare provider's appointment schedule;

storing said healthcare provider's appointment schedule in a database;

receiving a patient's static information and said patient's current information;

storing said patient's static information and said patient's current information in said database;

processing said patient's choice of an appointment time period;

facilitating an electronic transaction by said patient to secure said appointment; and

updating said healthcare provider's appointment schedule.